

# The Parentage and Ancestry of Frank Erickson

There are open questions about Frank Erickson that pertain to his ancestry that I have never sufficiently resolved, the primary being his exact birth date. However, with direct evidence from collateral ancestors I am certain I have found and documented his ancestry correctly.

It has long been known that Frank was from Sweden. The problem with Swedish genealogy research is needing to know the parish to search in. Luckily, the birth and baptism record of Frank's church in Muskegon, Michigan, Lebanon Lutheran Church, provides the answer for both Frank and his wife<sup>[1]</sup>. Frank was born in Lindesberg parish in Örebro County. Unfortunately, this record is problematic since the birth dates for Frank and Anna are horribly wrong. But, it is certainly our Frank and Anna because the children listed are correct.

We also know from Frank's death certificate that his father's name was Erick Olson<sup>[2]</sup>.

Searching the birth and census records of Lindesberg parish in Örebro County, Sweden, we find a Frans Ersson who was born on 19 Oct 1847 in the town of Öskeviks to Erik Olsson and Magdalena Larsdotter<sup>[3]</sup>. (Note that given Swedish patronymic naming, this match is for Frank, his father Erik, and his grandfather Olof.) I would be satisfied with this match if it were not for the birth date discrepancy - Frank's birth date is consistently given as 09 Oct 1847 in American records<sup>[2]</sup>. So, I have delved quite deeply to find other evidence that this is certainly our Frank.

Frank's obituary mentions a brother named Peter Linquist living in Whitehall, Michigan<sup>[4]</sup>. It also mentions three sisters in Sweden. Researching Peter's death certificate, we see his father is named as Eric Olsen which matches the father's name given on Frank's death certificate<sup>[5]</sup>. Peter's obituary also mentions three sisters in Sweden, so a perfect match there<sup>[6]</sup>.

If we return to the family we found in Öskeviks in Sweden, tracing the family through the Household Examination records indeed yields a family with 2 boys and 3 girls - Frans (which Americanizes to Frank), Per (which Americanizes to Peter), Catharina, Maria Christina, and Anna<sup>[7, 8, 9, 10, 11]</sup>. (A sixth child died in 1857 at the age of 5<sup>[11]</sup>.) Furthermore, in the 1872-1881 Household Examinations in Munkhyttan, Lindesberg, Örebro, Sweden, we initially see Frans and Per living with their parents<sup>[12]</sup>. But, both leave this location in Nov 1872. They are subsequently seen together in the same parish but now in another location. This second entry indicates both Frans and Per leave this location for America<sup>[13]</sup>.

In the 1900 and 1910 United States censuses, Frank indicates he came to America in 1871<sup>[14, 15]</sup>. His obituary and the Lebanon Lutheran Church records both state 1872<sup>[1, 4]</sup>. This reasonably matches the Swedish records. His brother Peter states his immigration year as 1870-1871 in the same census records<sup>[16, 17]</sup>.

All of this ties together so perfectly that I have no doubt that Erik Olsson and Magdalena Larsdotter of Öskeviks, Örebro, Sweden, are the parents of Frank Erickson. Frank and his brother Peter (who for some reason adopted a different surname in America - Linquist) came to America together in 1872 leaving behind their parents and three living sisters.

It is still unresolved as to whether Frank's birth date is 09 Oct or 19 Oct. I would choose the Swedish 19 Oct date as being the one likely to be correct<sup>[3]</sup>. I believe all of the American references (death certificate, obituary, cemetery record) actually stem from one source - Frank's wife Anna or one of his children at his death. In the midst of mourning, it is easy for a date to get subtly changed or miscommunicated.

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**Parents:**

| Name                 | Date     | Date        | Place                                  |
|----------------------|----------|-------------|----------------------------------------|
| Erik Olson           | Birth    | 31 Jan 1807 | Yrstatorp, Nora, Örebro, Sweden        |
|                      | Marriage | 07 Apr 1833 | Nora, Örebro, Sweden                   |
|                      | Death    | 17 Nov 1893 | Munkhyttan, Lindesberg, Örebro, Sweden |
| Magdalena Larsdotter | Birth    | 14 Jan 1808 | Sorby, Almby, Örebro, Sweden           |
|                      | Death    | 02 May 1878 | Munkhyttan, Lindesberg, Örebro, Sweden |

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**Paternal Grandparents:**

| Name               | Date     | Date        | Place                                |
|--------------------|----------|-------------|--------------------------------------|
| Olof Pehrsson      | Birth    | 19 Apr 1767 | Tysslinge, Örebro, Sweden            |
|                    | Marriage | 08 Apr 1796 | Nora, Örebro, Sweden                 |
|                    | Death    | 01 Jan 1818 | Blankhult, Kil, Örebro, Sweden       |
| Maria Andersdotter | Birth    | 13 Jul 1777 | Dalkarlshyttan, Nora, Örebro, Sweden |
|                    | Death    | 03 Dec 1861 | Kil, Örebro, Sweden                  |

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**Maternal Grandparents:**

| Name            | Date     | Date        | Place                       |
|-----------------|----------|-------------|-----------------------------|
| Lars Ersson     | Birth    | 06 Jul 1770 | Kumla, Örebro, Sweden       |
|                 | Marriage | 27 Nov 1794 | Hallsberg, Örebro, Sweden   |
|                 | Death    |             |                             |
| Brita Ersdotter | Birth    | 27 Jul 1776 | Rala, Kumla, Örebro, Sweden |
|                 | Death    |             |                             |

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**Paternal Great-grandparents:**

| Name             | Date     | Date | Place |
|------------------|----------|------|-------|
| Pehr Ersson      | Birth    |      |       |
|                  | Marriage |      |       |
|                  | Death    |      |       |
| Brita Persdotter | Birth    |      |       |
|                  | Death    |      |       |

**References:**

None

| Name                | Date     | Date        | Place                               |
|---------------------|----------|-------------|-------------------------------------|
| Anders Ersson       | Birth    | 1735        |                                     |
|                     | Marriage | 27 Dec 1757 | Nora, Örebro, Sweden                |
|                     | Death    | 31 May 1809 | Dalkarlshytta, Nora, Örebro, Sweden |
| Catharina Olsdotter | Birth    | 1729        |                                     |
|                     | Death    | 03 Jun 1805 | Dalkarlshytta, Nora, Örebro, Sweden |

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**Maternal Great-grandparents:**

| Name              | Date     | Date        | Place                             |
|-------------------|----------|-------------|-----------------------------------|
| Erik Ersson       | Birth    | 20 Nov 1726 | Kumla, Örebro, Sweden             |
|                   | Marriage | 1760        | Kumla, Örebro, Sweden             |
|                   | Death    | 20 Dec 1784 | Helgholmen, Kumla, Örebro, Sweden |
| Kerstin Ersdotter | Birth    | 1740        | Kumla, Örebro, Sweden             |
|                   | Death    | 22 Dec 1804 | Sorby, Almby, Örebro, Sweden      |

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| Name            | Date     | Date        | Place                             |
|-----------------|----------|-------------|-----------------------------------|
| Eric Svensson   | Birth    | 1722        | Hallsberg, Örebro, Sweden         |
|                 | Marriage | 17 Jul 1773 | Kumla, Örebro, Sweden             |
|                 | Death    | 01 Dec 1791 | Marka, Hallsberg, Örebro, Sweden  |
| Brita Ersdotter | Birth    | 05 Oct 1740 | Kumla, Örebro, Sweden             |
|                 | Death    | 28 Jan 1798 | Helgholmen, Kumla, Örebro, Sweden |

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